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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR GENERAL SWEARS IN CABINET AND OUTLINES

POLICY

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1. GOVERNOR GENERAL DR. HENRIQUE SOARES DE MELO, WHO TOOK OFFICE JUNE 17 (REF A), SWORE IN HIS NEW CABINET JUNE 25 AND DELIVERED PROMISED OUTLINE OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT'S NEW POLICIES. CABINET IS AS REPORTED REF B, WITH ADDITION OF ENG. LUIS MANUEL DE ALCANTARA SANTOS (CHIEF OF LOURENCO MARQUES PORT CONSTRUCTION AND SURVEY DIVISION) AS SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING, AND URBANISM. SEVEN SLOTS (FOUR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES TO GOVERNOR GENERAL, AND UNDERSECRETARIES OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS) REMAIN TO BE FILLED. UNDER DECREE SETTING UP CABINET, POST OF SECRETARY-

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GENERAL IS IN ABEYANCE, WITH ITS CIVIL SERVICE FUNCTIONS

TEMPORARILY HELD BY SECRETARY OF TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION.

2. GOVERNOR GENERAL GAVE BRIEF SPEECH OUTLINING GOALS OF GOVERNMENT IN LIBERAL, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC TERMS. ON POLITICAL SIDE, HE CALLED FOR THE PLANNED ENLIGHTENMENT (CONSCIENCIA-LIZACAO) OF WHOLE MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE SO THAT IT CAN "IN FREE AND FRANK DEBATE, AND WITHIN PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION, DECIDE ITS OWN FUTURE IN FRAMEWORK OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND ALWAYS WITH THE GUARANTEE OF A HARMONIOUS AND PERMANENT COMPANIONSHIP (CONVIVENCIA) BETWEEN VARIOUS ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL GROUPS." HE ALSO CALLED FOR RAPID LOCAL ELECTIONS, "WITH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL CITIZENS", AND FOR DEVELOPMENT TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PARTICIPATION OF ALL ETHNIC GROUPS IN "RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND OTHER ASPECTS OF COLLECTIVE LIFE."

3. MUCH OF SPEECH DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC PROGRAMS. HE CALLED FOR INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION THROUGH AGRARIAN POLICY AND PRICE INCENTIVES, LIBERALIZATION OF EXPORTS, AND CONTINUED IMPORT CONTROLS TO PROTECT LOCAL INDUSTRY, AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR FINANCIAL AID FROM METROPOLE. HE SUGGESTED MODIFICATION OF BANK OF ISSUE (BNU) TO PERMIT IT TO PROVIDE NECESSARY AID TO OTHER BANKS AND THUS MAKE CREDIT AVAILABLE TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, AND CALLED FOR STIMULI TO SAVING AND TO LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT. IN LABOR FIELD HE ADVOCATED MINIMUM WAGE, REVISION OF CIVIL SERVICE ORGANIZATION AND PAY, FAMILY ALLOWANCES, WORKER PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT, AND REVISION OF LABOR LAW TO ENCOURAGE FREE TRADE UNIONS AND ESTABLISH MECHANISMS FOR CONCILIATION OF LABOR DISPUTES. SOCIAL PROGRAM CALLED FOR IMPROVED HEALTH, HOUSING, LITERACY, AND OTHER PROGRAMS.

4. COMMENT: GOVGEN'S SPEECH NOT VERY SPECIFIC AS TO WHAT PUBLIC CAN EXPECT FROM NEW GOVERNMENT, BUT POSITIVE, NON-VINDICTIVE TONE CONTRASTS FAVORABLY WITH THAT OF MOST RECENT POLITICAL UTTERANCES HERE AND SHOULD HAVE CALMING EFFECT. IN POLITICAL SPHERE, SOARES DE MELO GAVE NO INDICATION THAT HE DEVIATES FROM CURRENT GOP SELF-DETERMINATION POLICY, OR THAT HE, AS "DEMOCRAT", ENDORSES FRELIMO NO-REFERENDUM LINE. ECONOMIC GOALS, TO EXTENT THEY NOT STANDARD PLATITUDES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFLECT GENERAL BELIEF OF MOZAMBICAN-BORN PORTUGUESE THAT MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS RESULT FROM THE TERRITORY'S BEING MILKED BY SELFISH METROPOLITAN PORTUGUESE INTERESTS, AND THAT RELEASED FROM "PROTECTIONISM, CONDITIONALISM AND FAVORITISM" MOZAMBIQUE CAN PROSPER. NEVERTHELESS, MOZAMBICANS MUST STILL WAIT TO FIND OUT WHAT NEW GOVERNMENT IS REALLY GOING TO DO, AND AFTER TWO MONTHS OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT THEY ARE GETTING ANXIOUS FOR SPECIFIC

INFORMATION ON WHICH TO PLAN THEIR LIVES AND ACTIVITIES.

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